

least one kind of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{ZrO}_2$ , and less than 2 wt% of at least one kind of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{BaO}$ .

2. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.

3. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is fibrous or granular.

4. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of fibers having an average fiber diameter in a range of from 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 9  $\mu\text{m}$  and an average fiber length in a range of from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1,500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

5. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of grains having an average grain size in a range of from 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has additionally rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Covalleski in view of Kolesov. Claims 1 and 3-5 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Arai in view of Kolesov. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

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